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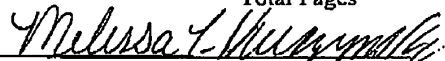
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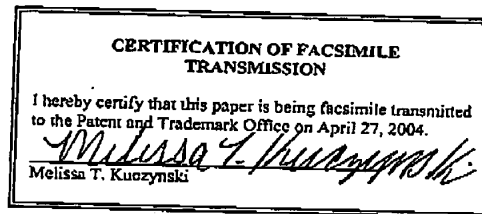
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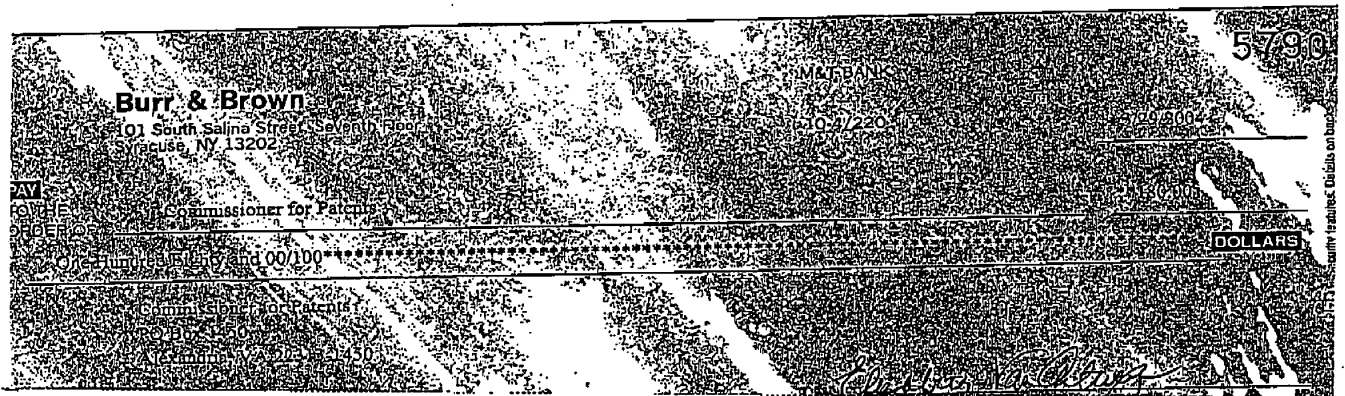
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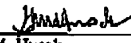
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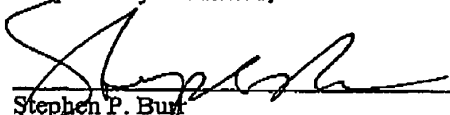
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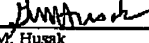
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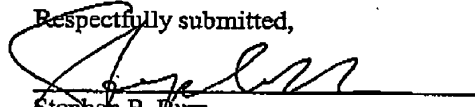
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Also enclosed is a copy of a European Office Action bearing a mailing date of February 26, 2004 from a corresponding European patent application, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

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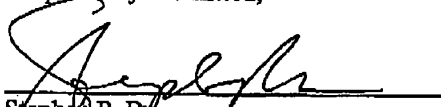
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